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11th	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)
12th	Year 1 Trip to the Winchester Science Centre Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30—4.30 Dodgeball (Yr2-6) 3.30—4.30 Lego (YrR-2)
13th	Drumming Lessons
14th	Year 4 Trip to Marwell Zoo Flute Lessons Public Speaking (Yrs 5&6) at lunchtimes 3.30—4.30 Drama —(Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Multisports (YrR & 1) PTA AGM
15th	Rocksteady 2.30pm Star of Wonder Assembly 3.30—4.30 Singing (Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Art (YrR-2)
18th	Guitar & Drumming Lessons 3.30-4.30 Gol Football—(YrR-6) 3.30—4.30 Gardening Club—(Yr2-6)
19th	Guitar & Drumming Lesson 3.30—4.30 Dodgeball (Yr2-6) 3.30—4.30 Lego (YrR-2) Bags2School
20th	Drumming Lessons Film Club
21st	Year 5 Trip to The Winchester Science Centre Flute Lessons 3.30—4.30 Drama —(Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Multisports (YrR & 1)
22nd	Rocksteady 2.30pm Star of Wonder Assembly 3.30—4.30 Singing (Yr3-6) 3.30—4.30 Art (YrR-2)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
(v) Homemade Sweet potato & Vegetable pie	(v) Homemade pizza (v) & Potato wedges	(v) Homemade Vegetable diamonds & roast potatoes	(v) Jacket potato Cheese & beans	(v) Homemade Spicy vegetable puffs
Fish fingers & diced potato	Homemade Salmon & Broccoli pasta & roll	Roast Turkey ,Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Homemade beef lasagne	Breaded Fish & Chips
Minced beef & Yorkshire pudding Mashed potato			Tuna salad	Oven baked cod & roasted tomatoes & chips
Sweetcorn, Peas	Sweetcorn, Broccoli	Carrots & Cabbage (optional)	Sweetcorn, peas Homemade coleslaw Homemade garlic bread	Peas
Homemade Blueberry & chocolate Sponge or ice-cream	Jelly Or Grapes	Homemade apple Crumble & Custard Or Ice-cream	Ice cream Or Melon	Homemade Shortbread biscuits

This week you may have thought that the Priory has turned into a NASA space station - with lots of Y1 astronauts running around. The children looked great in their space suits and space clothing ready for their 'trip' to the moon. Also this week the Y6 children explored life as a palaeontologist, studying fossils, evolution and genetics. If this wasn't enough, it has been a busy week of use for our VR headsets, with Y5 exploring the far reaches of space and Y3 taking a virtual trip to Stonehenge, connected with both of their topics. It certainly has been an exciting week of learning.

Pupil Health

Alongside our staff, we have had a number of pupils absent this week, with various conditions. Obviously, our aim at school is to ensure as many of our children are able to come to school as frequently as possible. With so many bugs and viruses (not least COVID itself) present in all schools at the moment, we all need to take positive action to ensure the transmission of any virus is as low as possible.

In this regard, please see the following guidance:

* If a child is physically sick or has diarrhoea - they need to remain at home for 48 hours - even if they seem fine in themselves, this is again to prevent the risk of transmission to others.

* If a child is demonstrating cold / virus like symptoms (temperature, cough, running nose, over-tiredness etc) - then it is advisable to monitor your child. A single symptom itself does not require a child to stay at home, unless they are too run down to come to school. You should however rule out COVID by administering a home Lateral Flow Test. It is **highly recommended** that you order these in advance and always have some tests available. You can order free Lateral Flow Test (delivered to your door) - at the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

* If symptoms are particularly severe, ongoing, or if your child has come in contact with someone with COVID - you should also book in for a PCR and keep your child at home until you have a result.

* If your child tests positive for COVID - contact the school office and when possible send a copy of the PCR result, plus the date they are able to come out of isolation.

There will always be sickness in the school, but by working together and following the guidance above we can minimise the spread of any illness. It should also be added, that the school continues to operate its COVID risk assessment, which includes regular deep cleans and an ongoing hand washing / sanitising regimes.

Pupil Mental Health

Since the start of term, we have been focusing on positive mental health. We have positive assemblies once a week and in class talk and explore ways to stay positive - including through meditation, relaxation and friendships.

Sunday 10th October is World Mental Health Day - to mark this important day each class will be discussing the importance of mental health, designing posters and considering the stories of people who have created good mental health in their lives.

More information on World Mental Health Day can be found at the following website: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

To further mark the day - **on Monday 11th October the children of the Priory are encouraged to wear a green ribbon** (in their hair or tied around their wrist), alternatively you could purchase the green ribbon pin to wear to school. Whilst we are not directly collecting money at school for this worthwhile cause (instead focusing on raising awareness) - you can donate by texting THRIVE to 70300 (to give £3) or **by donating online**.

The Importance Of Sleep

One important factor to our mental health is the power of sleep. In Key Stage 2 this week, we considered the power of sleep, to improve recovery, to be in a better mood, to stay healthy and to boost our concentration. Children of all primary ages should be getting between 10 and 12 hours sleep per night. Yet many children reported getting considerably less. Also, many of our children admitted that they found getting to sleep difficult. During the assembly, we looked at some options for improving our sleep, however if you have concerns about your child not getting enough sleep, you may wish to look at the following website, that could help: https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/sleep-problems?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIobmgk4G48wIVCJ7tCh2tfAAUEAAYAiAAEgLn0_D_BwE

The Priory Art In Tadley Library

Mrs Britt has arranged for some of our current Y1's art work, based on the book 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds, to be displayed in Tadley library. As you know, we often link our learning to Core texts, so it will be wonderful to see the children's creative designs coming to life and inspiring others to read amazing literature.



Seesaw Family (Y1 - Y6)

Your child should have come home with a letter and a QR code to activate Seesaw Family. If you have not received these, please look in your child's book bag and then contact the school office.

PTA AGM

The PTAs AGM is coming up on Thursday 14th October, it would be great to see as many people as possible at the school for the meeting. The PTA is a huge supporter of the school, without which many of the projects we have undertaken in the past two years would not have been possible. Your involvement in the PTA (no matter how small) is always so appreciated and you really can make a difference

Calling All Volunteers

As a school we are still looking for a volunteer to help support our school library. It can be a job where you give up as much or as little time as you have to spare. Please contact the office if you would like to offer your support.

We are also always on the look out for class readers - speak to your class teacher to offer your help.

All volunteers will need to apply for a DBS clearance - please refer to Amanda McCoy for more information.

The Priory PTA

PTA AGM - Our annual PTA AGM will be held on **Thursday the 14th October** at 8pm in the school hall. We will also provide a zoom link for anyone who cannot get there or does not feel comfortable attending in person. We would love to see as many of you as possible to show your support, share your ideas and get involved – everyone is welcome. The PTA plays such a vitally important role in supporting the school, and as such all our children, both financially and in terms of the lovely community spirited fun. We raise these essential funds mainly through fun and memory making family events, such as the Christmas Fair, Easter Hunt and Summer Fair to name a few and all of which we are delighted to be planning this year :)

Both Ben Candy (Chair) and Simone White (Secretary) are stepping down from their roles at the AGM (but staying on the committee), so we will be looking to fill these positions, as well as taking on anyone who would like to join as a committee member. We really hope you will want to get involved in whatever capacity you are able to.

200 Club – The Priory's 200 CLUB is a fun and easy way in which we fund-raise; with the added bonus of giving all entrants the chance to win £25 cash each month! Parents, teachers or friends of the school pay a one-off £12 fixed subscription for their lucky number(s) to be entered into 12 monthly draws; with a £25 prize awarded to the winner each month. Our first draw will take place imminently...as soon as we have enough confirmed entries. Buy your lucky number(s) online through the PTA website - www.priorypta.co.uk/product-page/200-club-ticket

PTA dates for your diaries:

Thursday 15th Oct – PTA AGM, 8pm in the School Hall

Tuesday 19th October – Bag2School collection

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 2nd April – Easter Hunt